

## **HELLBOUND? DIRECTOR KEVIN MILLER LAUNCHES UNIQUE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR DOCUMENTARY ABOUT ABBOTSFORD'S HOMELESS CHICKEN MANURE FIASCO**

Vancouver, Sept. 17, 2013 – *Hellbound?* filmmaker Kevin Miller has launched a unique crowd-funding campaign to finance post-production on a new film called *The 5&2*, which he shot last summer amidst the City of Abbotsford's questionable attempt to disperse a homeless camp by dumping chicken manure on the site. The film takes its name from an innovative ministry to the homeless and other marginalized people in Abbotsford called "The 5&2."

Calling the film an "accidental documentary," Miller says he just happened to be filming a profile of 5&2 founder Ward Draper when news of the chicken manure situation broke. Operating as a one-man crew, Miller followed the story as it developed over the next several weeks, which included a class action lawsuit against the City of Abbotsford, an internal investigation into police actions against homeless property and a heated battle between the Abbotsford Downtown Business Association and Abbotsford Community Services, which is seeking to build a low-barrier, transitional housing facility for men who struggle with addiction. As it turns out, two of the leading spokespeople advocating on behalf of the homeless during this time were the very people Miller set out to profile—Ward Draper and Jesse Wegenast of the 5&2.

"After spending the last several years traveling across North America and around the world, it's refreshing to film something right in my own back yard," says Miller, who even converted his garage into a makeshift interview studio. "While this is an intensely local story, I think it has ramifications far beyond Abbotsford." He notes that two other Lower Mainland communities—Surrey and Port Coquitlam—have used similar tactics to deal with their homeless populations. "Clearly, there's a level of frustration, a lack of creativity when it comes to dealing with the issue of homelessness," says Miller. "I'm hoping this film will spur some healthy discussion and creative problem-solving."

With production of the film complete, Miller has chosen to use the crowd-funding site IndieGoGo to raise \$50,000 to finance post-production. However, Miller has added a unique twist to his campaign. Typically, contributors to IndieGoGo campaigns receive a "perk" in return for their contribution. With this campaign, however, Miller is encouraging contributors to give a perk instead by matching their contribution with a donation to the 5&2, the Warm Zone and other groups that provide services to street-involved members of the Abbotsford community. "I'm really hoping this film can generate not only financial capital for these organizations but social capital as well," Miller says. As part of his campaign, Miller has released a teaser trailer (<https://vimeo.com/74213568>) as well as a fundraising video that explains how the film came about and what he hopes it will achieve (<https://vimeo.com/74456165>). The teaser trailer features the song "Where Are My Soldiers At?" by local band YUCA.

Miller plans to complete the film this fall and then release it through a series of local screenings, on television, DVD and digitally in the first half of 2014.

*The 5&2* marks Miller's second outing as a writer-director. His previous film, *Hellbound?*, played in dozens of theatres across North America last year and was recently released on Netflix. His previous credits include the feature-length documentaries *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*; *Sex+Money*, *spOILed* and *With God On Our Side*.

- Teaser Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/74213568>
- Fundraising Video: <https://vimeo.com/74456165>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fiveandtwomovie>
- IndieGoGo campaign: <http://www.igg.me/at/thefiveand2>

For further information and interviews, please contact:

Kevin Miller  
Kevin Miller XI Productions Inc.  
[kevinmillerxi@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmillerxi@gmail.com)  
250-581-1991